New Mexico Occupational Health & Safety

FATAL FACTS



No. 8775-035

Accident Type:	Caught between
Number of Fatalities	1
Weather Conditions:	Dry, Calm, Warm
Type of Operation:	Moving bins
Size of Work Crew:	3
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	Yes
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	Yes
Was the Worksite Inspected	Yes
Regularly:	
Training and Education Provided:	Yes
Employees Job Titles:	Laborer
Age & Gender:	Male, 49.
Experience at this Type of Work:	Years
Time on Project:	Weeks



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

A three man crew, including a father and son, were working at a drilling operation near Artesia. The task was to use a forklift to push a large bin in place for collecting waste materials. The father was providing hand signals to the forklift operator when the forklift operator lost sight of him. The son, who was nearby, heard a crashing sound and rushed to stop the forklift operation. The father had inexplicably moved into the path of the bin being pushed and was crushed between two large bins.

INSPECTION RESULTS

No citations were issued to employer or controlling employer.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

None.